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# MINUTES

Eighty-Ninth Annual Session

North Carolina Baptist Association

St. Paul's Baptist Church, New York City, N. Y.

October 20th, 1890, to November 10th, 1890.

Topic of the Session: *Christianity and the World*.  
 Address by the President: *The Christian's Duty to the World*.  
 Address by the Secretary: *The Christian's Duty to the World*.

Resolutions adopted: *Resolved, That the Association do hereby express its sympathy for the Christian mission to the world.*  
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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Prayer by J. A. W. Davidson
2. After Testimonies, Pastor will address the congregation. The Moderator shall call the attention of the choir and organ to their respective places.
3. Read letters from the churches and send Deacons.
4. Call for Prayers.
5. Call for Communion.
6. Read the Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Devotional Reading.
8. A confirmation of Confession (1) as Deacons (2) as Ministers (3) as Elders (4) as Members (5) as Trustees (6) as Stewards (7) as Singers (8) as Readers (9) as Chorists (10) as Organists (11) as Musicians (12) as Cantors (13) as Soloists (14) as Vocalists (15) as Instrumentalists (16) as Dancers (17) as Actors (18) as Playwrights (19) as Poets (20) as Authors (21) as Editors (22) as Publishers (23) as Booksellers (24) as Stationers (25) as Printers (26) as Binders (27) as Copyists (28) as Transcribers (29) as Scribes (30) as Secretaries (31) as Clerks (32) as Messengers (33) as Runners (34) as Carriers (35) as Drivers (36) as Conductors (37) as Attendants (38) as Ushers (39) as Greeters (40) as Hosts (41) as Hostesses (42) as Servers (43) as Waiters (44) as Bartenders (45) as Cooks (46) as Bakers (47) as Butchers (48) as Fishermen (49) as Farmers (50) as Laborers (51) as Mechanics (52) as Artisans (53) as Craftsmen (54) as Tradesmen (55) as Merchants (56) as Dealers (57) as Wholesalers 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## MINUTES.

The delegates composing the Eighty-first Annual Session of the MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS, convened with the Mt. Pisgah Church, at Flint, Morgan county, Ala., on Thursday, October 4, 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder James I. Stockton preached the Introductory Sermon; text, 1st Timothy i. 15: "It is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

After the sermon, there was an intermission of one hour and a quarter. Prayer by Bro. R. T. Wear.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The religious services, consisting of singing, reading of the Scriptures by the former Moderator, Eld. W. T. Cobbs, and prayer by Eld. F. C. David, were held, after which the Moderator called the Association to order. Bros. C. G. Lynch, W. H. Simpson and Marion Briscoe, were appointed Reading Clerks. The Moderator then called for letters from the churches, which were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled, as follows:

*Bethel*—J. C. Love, D. W. Speegle, J. A. Henry.  
*First Baptist, New Decatur*—J. C. Lance, F. Utter, A. G. Spinks.  
*Cave Spring*—James Ratliffe, Frank Clark.  
*Enon*—J. T. Wallace, J. W. McMillan, L. S. Stephenson.  
*Gum Spring (L)*—A. R. Holbrooks.  
*Hartselle*—F. C. David, J. D. McClanahan, J. C. Orr.  
*Macedonia*—J. S. Brownlow, J. H. Short, Willis Brothers.  
*Moulton Heights*—W. M. Bullard, J. M. Flood, F. Hall.  
*Hopewell*—J. J. Sandlin, H. L. Kirby.  
*Moulton*—W. D. Irwin, H. B. Irwin.  
*Hillsboro*—J. C. Battle.  
*Mt. Hope*—E. D. Whitman.  
*Mt. Nebo (F)*—Geo. W. Hargett.  
*Mt. Nebo (M)*—R. B. Gibson.  
*Mt. Zion (L)*—John L. Richey.  
*Central, New Decatur*—W. Y. Quisenberry, Jno. A. Thomason, W. H. Simpson.  
*Mt. Pisgah*—G. H. Hughes, R. B. Day, D. W. Hanby.  
*Pleasant Hill*—J. Gunn, G. W. Russell, A. Y. Stewart.  
*New Hope*—J. E. Coffee.  
*Rocky Creek*—J. A. Oden.  
*Okolona*—M. J. Taylor, Edward Hurst.  
*New Prospect*—M. A. Masterson, Jonathan Sandlin.  
*Town Creek*—R. T. Wear, Wallace Wear, L. A. Wear.  
*Salem*—L. E. Stubbs, James Pickens.  
*Shady Grove*—J. A. Moore, J. T. Sybert, E. T. Moore.  
*Trinity*—J. I. Stockton, Jos. Shackelford, W. S. Johnson.  
*New Friendship*—D. R. Kirbow, J. E. Lee.  
*Bellevue*—W. R. Crow.  
*First Decatur*—W. D. Hester, Charles R. Lee.  
*Austinville*—M. Briscoe, J. T. Weatherly, J. R. Thompson.

*Harmon*—Jno. S. Howell, James N. Howell.  
*New Centre*—W. B. Bryant, Mathew Blankenship.  
*Lebanon*—W. J. Briscoe, T. J. Flowers, J. H. Martin.  
*Falkville*—W. A. McCroskey, W. T. Cobbs, J. C. Tidwell.  
*Danville*—J. G. Orr, G. W. Lindsey, E. D. Stephenson.  
*Centre Grove*—Letter—no delegate.  
*Blue Spring*—Letter—no delegate.  
*Cherry Hill*—Letter—no delegate.

The following members of the Executive Board were present. These are ex-officio members of the Association: Dr. J. M. Kitchens, J. G. Orr, H. B. Irwin, W. D. Irwin, J. T. Wallace, J. C. Tidwell.

The names of the delegates having been enrolled, the Association proceeded to the election of officers. Nominations for Moderator were announced by the Moderator to be in order. Bros. W. H. Simpson, Jno. A. Thomason, and J. I. Stockton were placed in nomination. Brethren R. T. Wear and J. D. McClanahan were appointed tellers. They distributed the ballots, collected them and counted the same.

While the ballots were being counted, Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, addressed the brethren on the subject of the work of the Board.

The tellers announced that Bro. W. H. SIMPSON was elected Moderator, and Jos. SHACKELFORD, Clerk.

The Moderator-elect took the chair, and after returning his thanks to the Association for the honor conferred, announced that the Association was ready for business.

### Order of Business.

On motion of Jos. Shackelford, the order of business as published in the minutes of last year was made the order of business for this session, except that the subject of Missions shall be made the order of the day for 10 o'clock A. M. Friday, and the subject of Education the order of the day the first thing after the intermission on Friday.

### Petitionary Letters.

On the call for petitionary letters, a letter was presented from Austinville Baptist Church, which was read, and, on motion, the church was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator. (See names in list of delegates.)

On motion of Bro. F. C. David, Bro. Crumpton was permitted to continue his address, which he had commenced when the vote was being counted, and have thirty minutes of time, which was afterwards extended twenty minutes.

### Correspondents.

The Moderator called for Correspondents. Eld. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, announced that he was present. Eld. J. G. Lowery, representing the Institute Board and the Board of Ministerial Education, was present. Both were invited to seats.

### Committees.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

*On Devotional Exercises*—The pastor and deacons of Mt. Pisgah Church, and Brethren H. B. Irwin and J. T. Wallace.

*State of Religion*—J. D. McClanahan, Marion Briscoe, J. L. Richey.

*Deceased Ministers*—R. T. Wear, R. B. Gibbon, Jas. Ratliffe.

*Documents*—E. D. Stephenson, J. C. Lance, J. C. Love.

*Finance*—H. B. Irwin, G. H. Hughes, Jno. A. Thomason.

*Nominations*—J. I. Stockton, R. B. Day, G. W. Hargett.

On motion of Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry, a Committee on Digest of Church Letters was appointed, as follows: W. Y. Quisenberry, C. G. Lynch, A. G. Spinks.

### The Trinity School.

The report of the Trustees of the Trinity School was called for, and read by the Clerk, and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School make this, their eighth annual report, to your honorable body.

We have nothing of a very cheering character to report. The last session closed with an enrollment of 64 pupils. Our Commencement exercises passed off very creditably to teachers and pupils. We had no graduates. One young minister from Liberty Association attended this School last session, Bro. M. L. Crutcher.

The Trustees met in Decatur on the 14th of June last, and elected Rev. A. G. Spinks, President, Dr. Shackelford having declined a re-election. Mr. Spinks accepted, and necessary notices were given the public of the fact. The Trustees were very hopeful that the School would take on new life, and that its patronage for the next session would be much larger. Arrangements had been made with Dr. Shackelford to take the field, and work for the upbuilding of the School. He was appointed General Agent, with authority to collect money for the purpose of erecting another building and supplying school appliances, such as globes, maps, charts, &c.

On the 10th of September, just one week from the time the School was advertised to commence, the Trustees met at Decatur to receive the resignation of Mr. Spinks, which had been handed to a member of the Board just a few days before. The time was too short to look around for a teacher. The Board asked Dr. Shackelford to take the School for the next session. Realizing the situation, he agreed to do so. The Board agreed to help him, and do what they could for the School. No one has been out working for the School. The result has been a small opening. We trust that the number of pupils may grow. We now have enrolled, the third week of the session, 26 pupils. The Baptists of this Association could send 50 pupils to the School, if they would. We have a most desirable location for this School. It is accessible; it is healthy. We need more buildings—buildings that will be attractive, and draw pupils. We need more school appliances. We can make this the most attractive educational point in North Alabama, if the Baptists and friends of the School will give us money. Your Board will exert itself for the interest of the School, if you will give us the means with which to work.

The Board is happy to inform you that at its last session it passed a resolution inviting Colbert Association to join your Association, and Liberty and Bear Creek Associations in the support of the School. That Association has accepted the invitation, and appointed a Trustee at its last session.

We would call attention to the fact that the time of the following

Trustees will be out at this session of your body, viz., Josephus Shackelford, T. L. Baker, and Dr. J. M. Kitchens. Their places will have to be filled, either by their re-appointment or the appointment of others.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. ORR, President.

Jos. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

October 1, 1900.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Eld. W. B. Crumpton would preach to-night, and Eld. J. G. Lowery to-morrow night. On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., Friday. Prayer by Eld. E. D. Stephenson

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, October 5th, 1900.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, and the reading of the Scriptures by the Moderator, prayer was offered by Elder J. Gunn. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Delayed letters were called for, when letters were received and read from the following churches: Decatur, Harmony, New Centre, Lebanon, Falkville, Canville and Centre Grove. See the names of the delegates enrolled on page 2.

Elder J. A. Howard, of the *Alabama Baptist*, being present was recognized and invited to a seat.

The Moderator read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association.

### Special Order.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived the Moderator announced that this was the time for the consideration of the subject of missions and kindred subjects. The reports of the various standing committees on missions were then presented and read, as follows: Associational Missions, report read by Bro. J. D. McClanahan; State Missions, by Bro. L. A. Wear; Home Missions, by Bro. R. T. Wear; Foreign Missions, by Bro. F. C. David.

These reports were, on motion, received, and the whole subject of missions was before the Association for discussion. The subject was discussed by Bros. W. Y. Quisenberry, J. G. Lowery, J. A. Howard, J. G. Orr, F. C. David and F. M. Yager. On the suggestion of Bro. Quisenberry, the Association engaged in prayer before the discussion commenced. After Bro. Yager had spoken a hymn was sung, and the discussion was then continued by Bros. Shackelford, Lowery and Roan, when, on motion, the Association adjourned for dinner, with the understanding that the subject of missions would come up immediately after the recess. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Howard.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry. The Moderator called for the reports of the missionaries, which were read and received. Bros. J. D. McClanahan, W. J. Briscoe and J. L. Richey, missionaries, read their reports.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Bro. H. B. Irwin, and on motion was received and laid on the table for further consideration.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following brethren to fill vacancies on standing committees, who were to report at this session: On Ministerial Education, C. J. Lynch, J. C. Tidwell, John A. Thomason; on Colportage Work, M. Briscoe, James McMillan, J. A. Thompson.

Some remarks were made by Dr. J. M. Kitchens explanatory of the action of the Executive Board as to helping some churches in the eastern part of the Association.

The subject of missions was then taken up, and after remarks were made by brethren W. C. Buck, J. D. McClanahan, A. G. Spinks, W. R. Crow, J. M. Flood, the Moderator called for pledges. The following pledges were made and cash reported as paid to Finance Committee for the incoming year:

Bethel, paid F. C.....	\$ 10 00	Mt. Pisgah, paid F. C.....	\$ 12 00
Cave Spring, paid F. C.....	3 00	New Hope.....	5 00
Danville.....	23 00	New Friendship, paid F. C.....	6 00
Enon.....	15 00	New Centre, paid F. C.....	1 00
Falkville.....	25 00	New Centre, pledged.....	4 00
Gum Springs (L).....	5 00	New Decatur.....	100 00
Harmony.....	10 00	Okolona.....	12 00
Hillsboro.....	20 00	Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
Hartselle.....	55 00	Salem.....	10 00
Lebanon.....	7 50	Town Creek.....	30 00
Macedonia, paid F. C.....	6 50	Trinity, paid F. C.....	5 10
Moulton.....	30 00	Trinity, pledged.....	10 00
Mt. Hope.....	25 00	Austinville, paid F. C.....	10 00
Mt. Zion (L).....	5 00	Central, New Decatur.....	300 00
Mt. Nebo (M).....	5 00	Cherry Hill, paid Clerk....	2 50
Mt. Nebo (F).....	5 00	Moulton S. S.....	5 00

Total cash, \$53.60; pledged, \$641.50. Total cash and pledges, \$695.10, of these amounts. The following churches designated the amounts annexed to their names for Institute work: Hartselle \$10, Lebanon \$2.50, Town Creek \$5. Total, \$17.50.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, with the understanding that the subject of missions would come up first Saturday morning after miscellaneous business and the list of pledges finished. Prayer by the Moderator.

### THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, October 6th, 1900.

The Association met at the hour appointed. Bro. C. G. Lynch conducted the religious exercises, after which the minutes of Friday were read and approved.

#### Miscellaneous Business.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Clanahan, the Committee on Deceased Ministers was instructed to mention the death of Bro. W. F. Orr, a most excellent and highly respected member of Hopewell church, who had died during the year.



The subject of help to aged ministers and to the widows of ministers was discussed by brethren J. D. McClanahan, W. Y. Quisenberry and R. T. Wear.

On motion, a standing committee on indigent ministers was appointed, whose duty it shall be to find out the indigent ministers and widows of ministers in the Association who may be in need of help, and make such arrangements as they may be able to help them, and bring their cases before the churches of the Association.

#### **Missions.**

The subject of missions was then taken up and some more pledges were taken. (See list of pledges.) Remarks were made by Bros. Shackleford, Quisenberry, Lowery, Briscoe and R. T. Wear.

On the request of Bro. Quisenberry, a report of the Sunbeam Society, of the Central Baptist church, New Decatur, was read by young brother Howard Horton.

On motion, the various reports on missions, reports of missionaries and report of Executive Board were adopted in the order in which they were read, as follows:

#### **Associational Missions.**

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report as follows:

Associational missions are clearly taught in the commission of Christ, beginning at Jerusalem, thence to all the world, as a witness unto all nations. We are glad to report that through our board many parts of the destitution has been supplied throughout our bounds, in the organization of several churches in our towns and rural districts. Some are thriving paying churches, others are poor and weak. They need to be educated on the great subject of Associational missions, so as to increase our treasury to at least double what its amount has been. We are glad to report that great and lasting good has been accomplished throughout our bounds by our much esteemed and beloved brother, F. C. David, in his century work. No doubt there has been seed sown that will bring fruit many days hence. We would recommend that our pastors take up a collection, at least quarterly, for Associational missions. This would greatly increase our Associational funds. We report about 3,000 members. Twenty cents per member would put \$600 in the hands of our board, which would enable them to reach the destitution that is yet within our bounds.

Brethren, there are not more than half of our members who contribute to any cause. Some churches report over 100 members, and from twenty to thirty of this number pay all the funds, including pastor's salary. The remainder are anti-missionary in practice, if not in profession. If we could get our churches converted to this God-given work it would not be long before we could take this destitution for Christ. God grant to speed the time when our churches will wake up to this call.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN, } Committee.  
R. B. DAY, }

#### **State Missions.**

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to make the following report: The State Board of Missions is now in its twenty-fifth year, and the report last year was encouraging, but this year's report at Tuscaloosa will show a great improvement in the number of employees, and the amount of work done. The brethren everywhere speak in the kindest

terms of the Secretary and the Board. Some of the Associations are doing work in their own bounds, but it is not because of unfriendliness to the Board. The centers must be occupied, is the point insisted on by the Secretary of the State Board of Missions. This does not mean that the country is to be, or should be neglected, but that the centers are the danger points, which must be protected, or the whole country will be ruined. These are the centers of influence, good and bad.

Some Bible work is being done. Many pastors have taken Bibles and Testaments on sale for the Board, with the understanding that they are to donate them where parties are not able to purchase.

The Board's missionaries are instructed to give special attention to the organization and encouragement of Sunday Schools. The Board has not been in position to do as much along this line as desired, but hopes soon to be able to do much more. Our Sunday School Board at Nashville has freely given to the State Board \$300.00 worth of Bibles and Testaments, which has been of great service. Besides, all that is done for State Missions strictly, it should be borne in mind that much of the increased contributions from Alabama, to the Home and Foreign Boards, is due directly to the efforts put forth by Secretary Crumpton, in the field, and by the thousands of pages of literature he sends out from his office in Montgomery. The financial exhibit, we regard as very encouraging. May God bless this Association, and cause it to do more for State Missions in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WEAR, } Committee.  
W. H. JENKINS, }

### Home Missions.

While your Committee would emphasize the importance of the work of the Home Mission Board, we would not for a moment lose sight of the great truths, so clear to the heart of Baptists, that to preach the gospel to every creature is the command of our Lord, whether at home or in distant lands. So Associational Missions, State, Home and Foreign Missions, are one. But as the little handful of Baptists have multiplied during the present century to a great multitude, it becomes necessary to divide the *one* work into several departments, that we might the more effectively carry out our Lord's command, to preach the gospel to every creature.

In this Association we have tried, to some extent at least, to supply the destitution. But when our part of the work was done, still there was so much more needed to be done, an earnest appeal was made to our beloved brethren of the State Board. They have heard our cry for help and nobly have they responded; but when they have done all they could, with the money contributed, the appeal is then made to the Home Board to meet the necessities of the case. So in every State, embraced in the Southern Baptist Convention, the power and influence of the Home Board for good has been felt. It has entered the large cities, through its missionaries, and has given to the perishing the bread of life. Besides, it has within its field of work, frontier territory, covering about one thousand miles in length, by something like five hundred miles in width. This is not confined, as many think, to work among the Indians. As a matter of fact, the smallest part of frontier work is now being done among the Indians. But it is work among those of our own people, who by the hundreds, yea, by the thousands, together with people from other lands, who are pouring into the Western and Southwestern portions of our country. Hence the vigorous efforts of the Home Board to preach to them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. To the Home Board is entrusted the work of giving the gospel to down-trodden Cuba. Great are the results, and wonderful the blessings that have crowned our work in Cuba.

Brethren of the Muscle Shoals Association, we love to think, and also tell that the first missionary that earth ever knew, or men ever saw, was a Baptist; that when our Lord wanted a people made ready for his coming, He sent a Baptist to do the work. Out of this people made ready, by a Baptist preacher, our Lord constituted his church. Therefore, we all believe that it was a Baptist church. This church, together with every other church founded after the Divine Model, becomes the pillar and ground of the truth. To every church, yea, and to every individual who is a member of the church, our Lord says: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God owns us; He has blessed us; He has kept us. The century closes; we still see the pillar of cloud, as it goes before, while the innumerable difficulties give way at the approach of the marching hosts of God's elect. Will not every delegate to this Association heed the command, and say in his heart, "Lord, I will go? If I cannot go in person, I will go by my prayers, and by my money." Then would we have each member of this body, on his return to his respective church, impart this spirit to those at home. We verily believe, that never since the Son of God hung upon the cross, have Baptists had such opportunities for doing good, and advancing the cause of the Master, as the Baptists of the South have to-day. If we can properly appreciate the magnitude of our position and the greatness of our opportunities, then we will be in the heartiest sympathy and co-operation with our Home Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. WEAR, } Committee.  
W. E. WRIGHT, }

### Foreign Missions.

Of all the reports submitted in our Associations and Conventions, or any phase of Christian work, none surpasses in importance that of Foreign Missions. Christ Jesus our Lord was a foreign missionary. What is the meaning of missionary? It means one who is sent. Was Christ sent from heaven to this sin-accursed world? 1st John iv. 9, 10, says: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Christ was sent into the world to establish his own everlasting gospel. Gospel means good news—is a revelation of the fact that lost sinners may be saved. It was good news, which the world needed, but did not have, that Christ could and did satisfy divine justice and rendered God the Father propitious in justifying the believer. From the first it acted like a charm on those that believed it. As soon as Andrew sees the Lord his soul is thrilled by the good news, and forthwith he makes for his brother Simon, and brings him to Jesus. Next day Jesus findeth Philip, and Philip at once bestirs himself to find Nathaniel. Is it not true that every regenerated soul, imbued with the Spirit of Christ, wants to stretch its arms like seas and grasp in all the shore? Away back in the centuries of the Old Testament saints, the Psalmist seems by prophetic vision to have great gusts of soul desire for such a time as this, when he prays in the 67th Psalm these words to the God of Missions: "God be merciful to us, and bless us, \*\*\* that thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee O God, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy."

Paul's great throbbing heart was powerfully touched by the great salvation, so that he sees himself debtor to all peoples, because he had what they needed, and did not have, and could not get without they could hear the good news which had greeted his ears. He asks the Roman Christians: "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they

preach except they be sent?" Will these questions ever be answered? No; they are simply unanswerable.

The labors of our missionaries in foreign fields were never more blessed of the Lord than this year. Our work in some parts of China has been temporarily stopped by the war which is on hand there. So far we have not heard of the murder of any of our missionaries from this country. We have lost some of our converts there, and some of our native preachers. God is not indifferent to His cause and people in that far off heathen land. He will bring good to His cause out of that war cloud, and glory to His great name. Let us never forget that God Almighty rules the nations of this world.

Brethren of the Muscle Shoals Association, let me say to you that we are merely playing at Missions. We are not practical enough concerning the great work. Every year we report, we resolute, we speechify, but about the same little sum comes up for Missions. What we pay to the Lord is not commensurate with our ability.

F. C. DAVID.

### Reports of Missionaries.

#### REPORT OF J. D. M'CLANAHAN.

I was employed by your Board to preach once a month at Speak's School House, in Lawrence county, at a salary of \$35.00. I have had regular preaching, with fine congregations, and fine interest. We had a glorious revival of religion, which lasted seven days. We were assisted by our beloved Bro. Marion Briscoe most of the time, who did some faithful preaching. We had about thirty conversions. Twelve received by baptism, one by restoration, three under the watch-care of the church. We have announced that we will organize a church on the third Sabbath in November, next. We think we can go into the organization with 25 or 30 members. We consider it a field of importance. Our congregations are entirely too large to be seated in the school house, at times. We think it best to constitute a church at this place, as it is in the centre of a large population. I have received \$10.00 on my salary. Balance due, \$25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. M'CLANAHAN.

#### J. L. RICHEY'S REPORT.

I was engaged by the Executive Board to work as a missionary in the western part of the Association, commencing May 29th, 1900, and continued until the first of October, for which I was to receive \$90. The following is my report: Miles traveled, 307; families visited, 73; exhortations, 50; sermons preached, 55; baptisms, 4. Received on salary, \$42 50; balance due, \$47.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RICHEY.

#### REPORT OF W. J. BRISCOE.

By an agreement of the Executive Board and Centre Grove church, I preached to the church during the past year. The church was to pay \$25 to the pastor and the Board \$25, making \$50 salary for preaching once a month. I have had preaching once a month. Held a meeting in September, which lasted five days. There was a good revival in the church, but no additions. I have had an additional appointment at Ryan's Cross Roads, with good congregations. I consider this a hard field in which to work. It is a field, however, that we ought to cultivate. This community is thickly populated and but little Baptist preaching in it. I have received from the Board \$15, and from the church \$5. The church agrees to settle the remainder (\$20) at her next meeting, at which time she will call her pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BRISCOE.

### Report of Executive Board.

**DEAR BRETHREN**—The first meeting of your Board was held at Moulton on March 24th, 1900. At this meeting of the Board Bro. J. G. Orr was elected President and J. M. Sandlin, Secretary.

On motion, the Board employed Bro. J. D. McClanahan to preach at Speak's school house until the Association, at a salary of \$35. A committee of three was appointed to confer with the Central Committee to arrange for century meetings to be held by the churches. This committee was composed of Bros. J. G. Orr, J. A. Walker, W. D. Irwin and Jos. Shackelford. This committee was instructed to report the result of their conference to the Board.

A meeting of the Board was called to be held on Monday after the fourth Sabbath in April. No business was transacted at this meeting, for want of a quorum.

The Board met at Moulton on May the 17th, 1900. Members present: Dr. J. M. Kitchens, F. M. Carruth, J. A. Walker, W. D. Irwin, H. B. Irwin, J. M. Shoemaker, J. T. Wallace (by proxy) and J. N. Bragg. Bro. H. B. Irwin was made temporary chairman.

The committee appointed to confer with the Central Committee made their report, which was discussed and the following action taken: Seventy-five dollars was put at the disposal of that committee (appointed by the Association) to arrange for meetings to celebrate the close of the Nineteenth Century by appropriate exercises to be held throughout the Association, which money was to be used at the best discretion of said committee.

The Board allowed Centre Grove church \$25 to procure the services of a pastor, provided the church will give the same amount. The Board allowed \$75 to Bros. J. M. Kitchens and J. G. Orr, to be used by them in the eastern portion of the Association in procuring pastors for destitute churches. The Board has failed to receive monthly reports from these brethren. The Board allowed Bros. W. D. Irwin, H. B. Irwin and J. N. Bragg \$90, to be used in the western portion of the Association. These brethren employed Bro. J. L. Richey at a salary of \$90 until the Association to preach at destitute places in the section above named. Bro. Richey has made to this Board monthly reports, and we think he has done good and faithful work. Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN G. ORR, President.

J. M. SANDLIN, Secretary.

### Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters.

Your Committee on Digest of Church Letters makes an incomplete report, as it had in hand only thirty-six letters from the forty-eight churches belonging to the Association, but we think these letters contain some very suggestive facts. We find only three of these churches contributing to all six of the boards for our general work—Home, State, Foreign, Ministerial Education, Orphanage and Institute Board. We find three churches giving to State Missions, four to Home Missions, three to the Orphanage, seven to the Institute Board, nine to Ministerial Education and eleven to Foreign Missions. We find twenty-one of the thirty-six churches not giving one cent to any of these six great objects. Fifteen of the thirty-six churches report no Sunday school. Excepting three churches, we find those reporting pastors' salary to average only \$65. We find only one church contributing to the support of aged ministers. We find only three churches contributing to the Bible and Colportage work, fifteen churches contributed to Associational Missions and almost nothing to the mission boards. We find seven churches, with a membership of 359, having contributed nothing, not even for printing Minutes. We find those churches which have contributed most liberally

have received greater blessings, spiritually. We find an increase of over two hundred dollars for Foreign Missions. We find a slight increase in State Missions, but a decrease in the number of churches giving. We find an increase in baptisms. There were 108 from forty-eight churches last year, and 154 from thirty-six churches this year.

W. Y. QUISENBERRY,

C. G. LYNCH,

A. G. SPINKS,

### Explanation by the Clerk.

The Association, at the request of the Clerk, allowed him to make an explanation of the manner in which the churches reported their contributions to the Association, which he makes as follows:

1. Some of the churches do not report in their letters what they have contributed, or sent up, for the various objects fostered by the Association. They ought to do so. The delegates content themselves by reporting it to the Finance Committee, and it appears in the report of that committee. Some times the letters report more than is actually sent up.

2. Some churches send all their mission money and minute money to the Association, expecting it to be divided by the Association among the different Mission Boards. About seven did this last year, and about the same number this year. Of the 48 churches mentioned in the report as belonging to the Association, two were lettered out a year ago—Russellville and Macedonia (F). Three have not been represented, either by delegates or letters, in two years, and will be dropped from our list, namely, Darlington, Mt. Zion (M) and Pleasant Hill (L). This leaves 43 churches. Since the Association another church (Cherry Hill) sent a letter and money, \$8.00, and has called for a letter of dismission. Of the 43 churches, 39 are reported in the Finance Committee's report as sending money to the Association or giving to the various objects—some to one thing and some to another. Small amounts, it is true, but something. There are four churches of the 43 that report nothing, and they were not represented, either by letter or delegates. One of these, I know, has usually given something to Missions. I know that our churches and our people do not give as much as they are able and ought to give. Nearly 3,000 members ought to contribute \$3,000 annually to the Mission work and Education, to say nothing of other objects, but I thought that it was due to the churches to make this statement, in view of the report of the Committee on the Digest of the Letters, as a wrong impression might be made by that report. The committee did the best they could with the material at hand. The Finance Committee's report, found in these minutes, will give a correct account of the money expended by the churches during the last Associational year, and sent up to the Association as reported by the delegates and otherwise to that committee.

CLERK.

### Special Order.

#### EDUCATION—REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The report was read by the Secretary of the Board. On motion, it was received and laid over for discussion.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. C. G. Lynch, and took the same course.

The report on Century Meetings, read by Bro. R. T. Wear; on Education, read by Joa. Shackelford; Bro. F. C. David's report on Century Work; on Institute Work, read by Bro. M. Briscoe; and on Colportage Work, by Bro. M. Briscoe, took the same direction; and the whole sub-

ject of Education was discussed by the following brethren: Jos. Shackelford discussed the importance of denominational schools, and the duty of Baptists to support their own schools; Bro. Quisenberry on the duty of Baptists to supply themselves with Baptist literature; Bro. M. Briscoe on Colportage; also, Bro. Spinks and Bro. Lowery on Ministerial Education and the Minister's Institute Work; Bro. J. D. McClanahan, also, on Institute Work. On motion, the discussion closed until the evening session.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay over to Bro. F. C. David the amount collected for Institute work and paid into the Treasurer's hands by the Finance Committee.

### Orphans' Home.

The report on the Orphans' Home was read by Bro. J. T. Wallace. A public collection was taken for the Home, amounting to \$24.01. The report was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on the Orphans' Home report as follows: The Orphans' Home is an institution of which the Baptists of Alabama should feel proud. It is under the management of our beloved and generous-hearted brother, Rev. John W. Stewart, and his co-workers, who are doing a great work. That it is the home of the orphan, is a sufficient appeal to all Christians. We have no information as to the number of children in the Home, but the number is increasing constantly, and the demands for help are also increasing. We therefore recommend that the churches of this Association take monthly collections for the Home, and that this body take up a public collection and try to raise at least \$20.00 for the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WALLACE,

J. S. HOWELL.

### Standing Committees.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

*On Associational Missions*—W. T. Cobbs, J. G. Orr, Jno. S. Howell.

*State Missions*—J. I. Stockton, J. P. Lance, W. J. Briscoe.

*Home Missions*—A. G. Spinks, Chas. W. Lee, C. C. Willis.

*Foreign Missions*—W. Y. Quisenberry, J. C. Orr, W. D. Irwin.

*Education*—Jos. Shackelford, W. C. Buck, Willis Brothers.

*Ministerial Education*—Jackson Gunn, D. W. Hanby, J. T. Wallace.

*Orphans' Home*—J. D. McClanahan, J. A. Moore, W. M. East.

*Temperance*—R. T. Wear, J. M. Sandlin, F. H. Orr.

*Colportage*—J. C. Tidwell, H. B. Irwin, F. D. Stephenson.

*Sunday Schools*—Jno. A. Thomason, L. A. Wear, J. J. Sandlin.

*Institute Work*—F. C. David, J. S. Weaver, T. H. Johnson.

*Indigent Ministers*—F. C. David, M. Briscoe, W. D. Irwin.

On motion, the Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. T. H. Johnson.

The reports on Education, and kindred subjects, were severally adopted, as follows:

## Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

Your Board of Ministerial Education make the following report to your body: The Board has had no applications for assistance this year; hence we have had no occasion to call on the churches for contributions for Ministerial Education.

The money collected at our last Association to pay the debts of the Board, and the subscriptions made then to be paid in thirty days, has been paid out, and all the debts of the Board paid. Six dollars and fifty cents of the subscriptions for this purpose have not been paid.

There is now remaining in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of 84 cents. We present herewith the report of the Treasurer, which will show how the money collected for Ministerial Education has been spent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. ORR, President.

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

## Treasurer's Report.

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Treasurer,

## In Account with BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

		Dr.	
1899			
Sept. 29,	To amount collected from churches and individuals at the Association.....	\$ 42	72
Oct. 2,	To amount from W. D. Irwin, Treasurer of Association .....	33	80
Oct. 2,	To amount from Okolona Church .....	5	17
Oct. 8,	To amount from Trinity Church \$5.00, Central Church, \$2.01, New Decatur.....	7	01
Oct. 10,	To amount from J. W. Owen.....	1	00
Oct. 10,	To amount from Bethany Church, per J. W. Owen.....	2	00
Oct. 15,	To amount from Danville Church 15c., Hillsboro Church \$2.50.....	2	65
Oct. 20,	To amount from Town Creek Church \$5, Decatur Church, per Mrs. Simpson, \$2.50 .....	7	50
Nov. 1,	To amount from Enon Church \$2, Hartselle Church \$4.24.....	6	24
1900			
Jan. 3,	To amount from Harmony Church \$2, Rocky Creek Church, per J. E. Weaver, \$2.....	4	00
Feb.	To amount from Russellville Church, per A. W. Briscoe .....	10	00
Total collected.....		\$122 09	



**Treasurer's Report.**JOS. SHACKELFORD, *Treasurer.**In Account with BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.*

Total collected.....		\$122 09
1899		Cr.
Sept. 29,	By amount due Treasurer on last report.....	\$ 2 68
Sept. 29,	By amount Hartselle & Son, per order of J. L. Richey .....	2 50
Sept. 29,	By amount paid A. W. Briscoe, his pledge.....	5 00
Oct. 2,	By amount paid A. W. Briscoe, on board.....	12 52
Oct. 2,	By amount paid J. L. Richey for books.....	3 65
Oct. 14,	By amount paid Stephenson & Wylie on J. L. Richey's order.....	11 90
Oct. 14,	By amount paid G. W. Fullman & Son on J. L. Richey's order.....	36 40
Oct. 14,	By amount paid of J. L. Richey's tuition half of nine months.....	10 00
Nov. 1,	By amount paid Stephenson & Wylie, per A. W. Briscoe's order.....	2 00
Dec. 23,	By amount paid Charles Wiggins, order of J. L. Richey, rent.....	14 50
1900		
Feb. 8,	By amount paid A. W. Briscoe by Russellville Church.....	10 00
Feb. 8,	By tuition of A. W. Briscoe and rent of room..	10 00
Feb. 8,	By cost for stamps on checks and postage.....	10
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	84—\$122 09

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD,  
Secretary and Treasurer.**Report of Committee on Century Work.**

Your committee appointed at the last meeting of this body to arrange century meetings, to be observed by the churches of the Association this year, beg leave to report as follows:

We have to say that just such a year for rain, mud and slush is not in the memory of our oldest citizens. In the latter part of the winter, and during the spring months, your committee made three different attempts to get a quorum of our committee together, that steps might be taken to inaugurate work for a suitable observance of the history of Baptists during the Nineteenth Century. In July we succeeded in employing Rev. F. C. David to enter the field and prosecute the work. He was instructed to appoint meetings where it would be most convenient for adjacent churches to attend. He was also to arrange and send program of time and place for meetings, and names of speakers and their subjects. He was also to attend each appointment and open and conduct the meetings. Bro. David was employed for two months at a salary of \$37.50 per month. We presume he has a report of the work done. We refer you to that as to the results of his appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STOCKTON,  
R. T. WEAR,  
J. E. WEAVER,  
T. V. SHOEMAKER,

} Committee.

### Report on Century Work.

I was appointed last July by the Century Committee, appointed at the last Association, to arrange for meetings in the bounds of the Association and to appoint speakers and assign each one a subject. Accordingly century meetings were appointed for eleven churches, the most accessible to sister churches not having any of these appointments. Fourteen speakers were appointed, as you have seen in the program, and a subject assigned to each. Meetings were held at ten of these appointments. Sickness in the community prevented one church from meeting, though Bro. Stockton and I met at the time and place. One other church it did not suit to meet at the time suggested and the meeting was given to another.

In the round of campaign work there were fifty-nine addresses delivered and twenty-one sermons preached. I distributed about 3,000 pages of century literature. The weeks covered by the meetings, owing to the unprecedented wet spring months, was inopportune, so far as giving the speakers an opportunity to attend. The century meetings unavoidably had to cover the protracted meeting season, and each pastor had to be at his post in the annual protracted meetings. Dr. Shackelford had but little of his time occupied in the pastorate. I therefore looked forward with pride and pleasure to his strong help in nearly all the appointments, but alas! great and sore affliction in his family kept him away from all except about three.

At nearly all the appointments I had valuable aid, but in a few I was almost alone, so far as public speaking was concerned. Upon the whole the meetings have been a signal success and of great interest and benefit throughout the bounds of the Association. I dare say that the sermons preached and the addresses delivered at these century meetings have provoked more thought and discussion for the past eight weeks about Baptist history in the last hundred years than for a score of years previous by the general membership of the Association. To recount the history of our denomination and the goodness of God to us during the century was a fitting thing for the Association to do. Scores and hundreds who have listened to the thrilling accounts of the trials, persecutions and the wonderful growth under God in membership, influence and power, and all the enterprises fostered by the denomination, have rejoiced that they are Baptists.

I was employed for two months at \$37.50 per month. Received from the Treasurer of the Association \$35, balance due \$40.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. DAVID.

### Report of Committee on Education.

At every session of this Association a report has been made on the subject of education. Whether these reports, made from year to year, have made any impression on the minds of those who have read them in the Minutes, we know not. Sometimes we have thought it doubtful whether many of our brethren have ever read them. We trust, however, that they have done some good, and that more interest has been created in the subject of education by the publication of these reports. In this report we do not design discussing the general subject of education; nor do we wish to show its importance. We believe that the great mass of our people realize that it is important to educate their children, and many of them are striving to do it. They are conscious of the fact that if they wish their children to keep up with the progress of the world, and become anything in the world, they must educate them.

What we wish to do in this paper is to show the importance of denominational education, and the duty of maintaining denominational schools.

As soon as Baptists were permitted to preach their doctrines without the fear of the jail, the whipping post and death, they commenced to organize schools—first to educate young ministers, and then to educate their children. Brown University, now at Providence, R. I., was the first Baptist college in the United States, founded in 1764. Some high schools were also organized—Hopewell Academy, in New Jersey, in 1766. Other high schools were organized. The object of all, at first, was to educate preachers. Afterwards, our fathers saw, or thought they saw, that it was necessary to have schools in which they could educate their own children if they wished to preserve them to the Baptist. They went to work and founded schools, one after another, until now we have a Baptist college or university in almost every State in the Union, and in some two or more, and quite a large number of high schools and academies. Let me call your attention to a few facts, as to what Baptists have done in the way of education in a little more than a century. We have in the United States seven theological seminaries, with sixty-seven instructors and one thousand and sixty-one students. We have ninety-four universities and colleges, with fifteen hundred and ninety-four instructors and twenty-two thousand four hundred and sixty students, of which one thousand four hundred and sixty-two are students for the ministry. We have seventy-eight academies, high schools and institutes, with ten thousand and fifty-nine pupils. The entire value of property devoted to education is \$27,387,774, with an endowment of \$16,190,981. This is what was reported two years ago. Why all this? Why have Baptists put so much money in these various institutions of learning? We have now, and have had, State schools and universities, private high schools and colleges, and schools of high order, belonging to other denominations, and there are Christian schools, that can give our children all the education they need, and some of them at cheaper rates than our schools can give. Our fathers, who commenced building up our denominational schools, thought that it was necessary to the welfare and progress of the denomination that they should have these schools, and to have them they gave their money, time and labor cheerfully. Were they right or wrong in their opinions? Have there been any developments in these recent years along the educational line that teaches us that these grand and good men, who founded these institutions of learning, were too narrow-minded, and did not look at the matter right? Let us see: It is a fact that when Baptists began to educate and to have schools of their own they began to grow more rapidly. In those States where Baptists have had the most educational institutions, they have grown the faster. We refer particularly to the States of Virginia, Georgia and Kentucky. In these States the Baptists have many denominational schools. A college in Virginia, two or three in Kentucky, and quite a number of academies and high schools. These colleges and schools have been most potent factors in producing the growth of the denomination in those States. That growth has been almost phenomenal. When we get ready to turn over to the State and to other denominations the education of our children, then we may prepare to see our church houses vacated and our members growing less every year and our influence, as a people, upon the religious thought of the country dwindle into insignificance. It is all important that we maintain our denominational schools, universities and colleges, and high schools. They are necessary to our development as a denomination, and to our growth. We cannot do without them. The high school is just as important as the college or university. In fact it is more important. It reaches a larger number of our young men and young ladies, our boys and girls, and its influence is more extensive. We have in Alabama some good denominational schools, and the Baptists of Alabama should patronize them. We mention Howard College, at East Lake: an institution that has had many

reverses, but is now, we trust, on solid ground. It has no endowment, it is true, but it is out of debt, and if the Baptists of Alabama will patronize it, as they ought, it will continue to grow, and in a few years it will be endowed. The Judson, at Marion, and the Central, at Tuscaloosa, are schools for girls and young women, and are worthy of patronage. Our own school, at Trinity, has had its reverses. Burned out at Danville, it has arisen again, at Trinity, occupying one of the most beautiful and suitable sites for a school in North Alabama. On a mountain with a grand view of the beautiful Tennessee Valley, with a salubrious climate and the purest water, it is just such a location that our fancy would select for an educational centre. It belongs to the Baptists, and they should appreciate its value and importance. This school appeals to the Baptists of North Alabama for patronage. It is not what you would have it to be, make it what it ought to be. Give your money to erect a larger building and to supply the school with such things as it needs. Send your sons and daughters to it. Help it along. It is weak; you can make it strong. Do not talk against it, but talk for it. If every Baptist in this Convention would say a third more for this school and try to get students to attend it, instead of speaking disparagingly of it, it would soon be full of pupils. If this school is an unnecessary thing, and we have no use for it, as a denomination, and we do not need a Baptist school in North Alabama, kill it. If we, as a denomination, are too poor to sustain it, and we cannot maintain a school of this character in our midst, let us give it up, and authorize the Trustees to dispose of it to the best advantage, and then let us say to the world we do not need a denominational school. But we cannot believe that the Baptists of the Muscle Shoals Association and the other Associations to which this school belongs are ready to say any such thing. We cannot but believe that you realize the importance of education to us as a denomination and in a denominational school, and we beg you to rise in your might, as a people, and as an Association, and say this school shall live. We will support it. We will give it our prayers, our patronage and our money.

Jos. SHACKELFORD, Chm'n.

### Institute Work.

Your Committee on Institute Work, report with pleasure, that the work is progressing nicely all over the State, according to the *Alabama Baptist*, and the *Sermonizer*, which is the organ of the Institute Board. We have also conferred with Bro. G. S. Anderson, the Superintendent of the work, and who is also our efficient lecturer on "Sermon Building," or "Structure." We have in Alabama 1,250 ordained preachers. Only 594 are pastors, while there are 656 who are unemployed. Now, the object of the Board is to reach as many of these unemployed preachers as possible, and try to enlist them in the great work wherunto God has called them. Only about 130 of our 1,250 preachers in Alabama have been helped by our schools, leaving 1,125 who have never had the logical training in the seminaries. The Board is trying to place within the reach of all our preachers some help in the study of God's Word, and the preparation of sermons. Now, brethren, when our State debt was cancelled sometime ago, the indebtedness of the Institute Board was overlooked. Bro. Lewis gave \$1,000 to relieve the debt of this Board upon the condition that another \$1,000 should be raised by the Baptists of Alabama. We recommend that this Association appropriate \$50 to this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. STOCKTON,  
M. BRISCOE.

### Resolutions.

Eld. Jos. Shackelford offered the following preambles and resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

WHEREAS, Some of the Baptist Associations of North Alabama did, in 1893, establish the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School, and located it at Danville, Morgan county, Ala., these Associations being the Liberty, Muscle Shoals and Big Bear Creek; and

WHEREAS, The large and commodious school buildings, with their contents, were destroyed by fire on December 25, 1898; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, acting for these Associations, did remove said school to Mountain View, near Trinity, Ala., having received a donation of money and land from the kind people of Trinity and its neighborhood to do so; and

WHEREAS, Said school is now established at that place and is struggling for existence; and

WHEREAS, This Association is a part owner of said school and has in the past, and at every session since it was founded, expressed its sympathy for the school, and urged, from time to time, the Baptists of this Association to patronize it; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1 That we, as an Association, recognize the importance to the Baptists of North Alabama of this school, and believe that if patronized by our people as it deserves it will be of great value to them as a denomination. We therefore advise and urge our people, who have sons and daughters to educate, to patronize it when they have to send off to school.

*Resolved*, 2. That we feel that a high school, such as our school professes to be, is of the greatest importance to us as a people; and, while we are gratified at the bright prospects which now opens up to Howard College, and wish it the greatest success, and would urge all of our Baptist young men who wish a higher course than our school offers them, to go to the Howard. At the same time we most emphatically recommend our brethren who have boys and girls, who are not prepared for the Howard or any other school of higher grade, to send them to the Trinity School.

*Resolved*, 3. That we realize the necessity for this school to have another building and school appliances, in order for it to do effective work. We therefore urge and advise our churches and our people to contribute liberally of their means to these objects when the agent of the Board shall call upon them.

*Resolved*, 4. That we are gratified to learn that Colbert Association, at its late session, accepted the visitation of the Board of Trustees of our school, to become associated with us in the support of the school, and elected a Trustee for the same.

*Resolved*, 5. That we think this school ought to be the school for North Alabama Baptists. Therefore, we suggest to the Board of Trustees that they make a proposition, similar to that made to the Colbert Association, to all the Baptist Associations in North Alabama not already affiliated with us, say in the counties of Lauderdale, Marion, Winston, Calhoun, Marshall, Jackson and Madison, to co-operate with us in the support and building up of said school.

### Ministerial Education.

The subject of ministerial education was again taken up and pledges called for. The following pledges were made:

#### PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Bethel Church.....	\$ 1 00	Central Church, N. Decatur..	\$50 00
Enon.....	1 50	Harmony.....	2 00
Hillsboro.....	1 00	Hartselle.....	1 00
Macedonia.....	1 00	Pleasant Hill.....	2 50
Town Creek.....	5 00	O. F. Wright.....	2 00
Trinity.....	5 00	W. T. Cobbs.....	1 00
W. H. Simpson.....	5 00		
			\$58 50
	\$19 50		19 50
		Total.....	\$78 00

### Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations would suggest as your Executive Committee the following: Jno. A. Thomason, C. G. Lynch, J. W. Gibson, G. H. Hughes, Dr. J. M. Kitchens, W. C. Buck, J. H. Hargrove, A. W. Bailey, J. G. Orr, W. H. Simpson, A. J. Walker, W. D. Irwin, Treasurer.

As the Board of Ministerial Education the re-election of the old board. (See names on page 2 of cover.)

To fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of our school at Trinity: Jos. Shackelford, Dr. J. M. Kitchens and T. W. Williams.

Preacher of the Introductory Sermon and alternate: Elder Jos. Shackelford and L. A. Wear.

The place for the next meeting of the Association, Lebanon church in 1901.

R. B. DAY,  
G. W. HARGETT, } Committee.  
J. I. STOCKTON,

The Association, by vote, agreed to meet with the Lebanon church, Morgan county, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1901.

### State of Religion.

The report on the State of Religion was read by Bro. J. D. McClanahan and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on State of Religion report as follows: We find from the reading of the letters from the churches, in number 36, that there has been an increase by baptism over that reported last year. The number reported is 147. We are glad to report that there has been a great demonstration of the Spirit and power of God in our midst in the conversion of many precious souls, and many of our churches have been gloriously revived and spiritually built up. We furthermore report that the Lord has graciously blessed the labors of our missionaries.

We are sorry to report that some of our churches are weak, religiously and financially. Some are without pastors. Many of them do not report a Sunday School or prayer meeting. If our churches will follow the example of the first church, at Jerusalem, by assembling the first day of the week, and hold some kind of religious service, it

would not be long until there would be a great outpouring of the Spirit, which will win us to a high state of Christian living and giving.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN,  
MARION BRISCOE,  
JOHN L. RICHEY, } Committee.

### Report on Deceased Ministers.

The report on Deceased Ministers was read by Bro. R. T. Wear and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers, with sadness, report the fact that death has invaded our ranks and removed from our midst two of our brethren in the ministry—Brethren J. R. Blackman, of Courtland, Ala., and J. S. Gibson, of Mt. Hope, Ala. We also note the death of Bro. Willis F. Orr, who, though not a minister, was for many years a prominent member of this body. We bow in submission to the will of God, praying his blessings upon the bereaved families, and trusting that the hand of Providence will direct them, and enable them to see that God doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. WEAR,  
JAMES RATLIFF, } Committee.

Committee on Documents called for. No report.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. (See table)

Report of Treasurer called for. Bro. W. D. Irwin, the Treasurer, being present, stated that on leaving home he thought he had his report in his pocket, which was made out, but discovered afterwards that he had left it. It was ordered that he send his report to the Executive Board, and they were authorized to pass upon it and have it spread upon the minutes.

### Messengers to Other Bodies.

Bro. W. T. Cobbs was appointed a messenger to the Cullman Association.

On motion any brother in good standing with his church, in this Association, is authorized to represent this body in any of the Associations with which we correspond, namely, Liberty, Big Bear Creek, Colbert and Florence.

To State Convention—E. D. Stephenson, R. T. Wear, A. G. Spinks, W. C. Quisenberry.

Southern Baptist Convention—Bro Jno. A. Thomason was elected, with E. D. Stephenson alternate.

### Resolutions.

#### THANKS.

R. T. Wear offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association tender to the brethren and sisters of Mt. Pisgah Church; also to the good people of Flint and surrounding community, our sincere and hearty thanks for their generous hospitality during the sittings of this body.

## THANKS TO MODERATOR.

A. G. Spinks offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are tendered Judge Simpson for the earnest, honest, dignified and impartial way in which he has presided over the Association.

## PRINTING MINUTES AND CLERK'S FEE.

Bro. R. T. Wear offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Association pay the Clerk the usual fee for his services, and that he have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed, and that he superintend the distribution of them.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

Bro R. T. Wear offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we leave to the wisdom of the Executive Board the division and distribution of the funds that may be on hand, after the instructions of the churches are carried out.

## Sunday Services.


The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report for services on Sunday:

9 A. M.—Sunday School Mass Meeting, to be conducted by Bro. C. G. Lynch.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Bro. J. Gunn.

2 P. M.—Sermon by F. C. David.

## Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report, which was adopted: 

In our report on Sunday Schools, we shall report only the pupils, not the teachers, as the teachers are expected to be church members, not learners. Last year, out of 85 churches, 24 reported Sunday Schools, with a membership of 866. This year, out of 28 churches, 20 report Sunday Schools, with a membership of 1,033, and only eight out of the number without Sunday Schools. So the per cent. of Sunday Schools is increasing. But we are afraid the majority of the membership of this Association do not appreciate the importance of the Sunday School work as auxiliary to the church. It is commanded of God that we teach the children, and show how he rewards and punishes man for the good or evil he does. Look in Deuteronomy, vi. 7, and see how old the Sunday School is.

We have looked up the baptisms in all the different churches, and find 113 baptisms in the churches with Sunday Schools, and 27 in those without Sunday Schools. These figures tell a story of the effect of instilling the truths of the Scriptures into the young mind. We would warn teachers and superintendents against too much reliance on literature. It is the Word of God that sinks into the soul, and springs up and bears fruit unto eternal life.

Respectfully submitted,

O. F. WRIGHT.



### Colportage Work.

We, your Committee on Colportage, ask to submit the following: We are sad, indeed, to note that after this important subject has been so frequently and earnestly agitated, that this year nothing has been done, whatever, in the way of colportage work.

Brethren it is a fact that we live in a day when all ages, and especially the young, read. The literature thrown into their hands is the class they'll read, digest, and that will make lasting impressions upon their minds.

As Christians, we recommend that good, wholesome, Christian literature be afforded them.

As Baptists, realizing that we have the Truth, we urge the importance of distributing our own literature, published by our Boards and Societies. We further recommend that a Colporter, full of the Holy Ghost, and zeal for the cause, be put in the field, that he may, together with visiting the homes of the people, and preaching to them when congregated, meet the vile influence of those who invade our ranks and pour out their venomous heresies. Thus souls may be awakened to accept Christ, drooping spirits in the church revived, and Christ's name glorified through this avenue of great work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. BRISCOE.

### Temperance.

The following report on Temperance was read and adopted:

The subject of Temperance is one of great importance. Temperance is a virtue in youth, a supporter of pleasantness in the home, elevating to the morals of society, and the source of many joys not known to the inebriate, who finds existence a burden, from which he seeks relief in the soothing oblivion which the stupifying cup affords him. The wine cup produces evils far beyond those which arise from the neglect of duty. The maddening demon within the drunkard's bosom and brain often drives him to the commission of acts over which he himself weeps, and would give worlds, if he had them, could he recall the acts and wipe out the shame. God claims dominion over all, and he has declared that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. We should guard against intemperance as we would against having our eyes put out or our hands cut off.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RICHEY,

W. J. BRISCOE,

JONATHAN G. ORR,

} Committee.

# Treasurer's Report.

W. D. IRWIN, *Treasurer,*

*In account with MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION.*

1899.

Oct. 2,	To amount on hand as reported last Association.	\$108 98
Oct. 2,	To amount received from Finance Committee..	373 18
Oct. 2,	To amount rec'd from Courtland Church fund..	16 00
Oct. 2,	To amount S. S. collection from F. C. David ...	1 76
Oct. 9,	To amount from W. H. Mustin for Missions.....	2 00
Oct. 31,	To am't from Town Creek Church for Missions	2 30
Nov. 18,	To am't from G. W. Rand and wife for Missions	2 00
Nov. 18,	To am't from J. D. Hagood and wife for Missions	50
Nov. 18,	To am't from James Campbell for Missions.....	50

1900.

Jan. 30,	To cash from Falkville Church for Missions.....	25 00
April 18,	To cash from Pleasant Grove Ch. for Missions..	1 75
May 28,	To cash from Moulton Church .....	31 25
June 5,	To cash from Harmony Church for Missions ...	2 15
Oct. 3,	To cash from Frank Owen, bequest.....	20 00—\$587 37

1899.

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Oct. 2,	By cash paid W. E. Wright.....	\$ 10 00
Oct. 2,	By cash paid J. D. McClanahan.....	20 00
Oct. 2,	By cash paid J. O. A. Pace .....	24 60
Oct. 2,	By cash paid Ministerial Board.....	38 97
Oct. 2,	By cash paid Joseph Shackelford, clerk's fee...	25 00
Oct. 2,	By cash paid Ministers' Institute Board.....	31 15
Oct. 2,	By cash paid Vera Shoemaker on salary .....	40 00
Oct. 2,	By cash paid State Mission Board .....	54 32
Oct. 2,	By cash paid Home Mission Board .....	18 78
Oct. 2,	By cash paid Foreign Mission Board.....	52 68
Nov. 24,	By cash paid for printing Minutes.....	40 00

1900.

May 12,	By cash paid for stamps and stationery.....	50
May 28,	By cash paid Foreign Board .....	36 00
June 18,	By cash paid J. D. McClanahan.....	10 00
June 29,	By cash paid J. L. Richey.....	22 50
July 21,	By cash paid Center Grove Church.....	15 00
Aug. 9,	By cash paid J. L. Richey.....	20 00
Sept. 10,	By cash paid F. C. David.....	35 00—\$494 50

By balance on hand..... \$ 92 87

The Association having completed its business, on motion it adjourned, to meet with the Lebanon Baptist Church, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1901.

After singing a parting song and giving the parting hand, prayer was made by Eld. J. Gunn, and the Moderator pronounced the Association adjourned.

W. H. SIMPSON, *Moderator*.

Jos. SHACKELFORD, *Clerk*.

#### Sunday Services.

Sunday morning opened with rain, and it rained the greater part of the day, which lessened the congregations very materially. Services were held, however, as appointed: Sunday school mass meeting, led by Bro. C. G. Lynch; preaching at 11 A. M. by Bro. J. Gunn, and preaching at 2 P. M. by Bro. F. C. David.

A small collection was taken up, amounting to \$2.84, which was turned over to Bro. David, for the Institute Board.



# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1900.

CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC COLLECTIONS	State Missions—Cash	State Missions—Vouch'r	Home Missions—Cash	Home Missions—Vouch'r	For'n Missions—Cash	For'n Missions—Vouch'r	Institute Work—Cash	Institute Work—Vouch'r	Associational Missions—Cash	Associational Missions—Vouch'r	Ministerial Education—Cash	Ministerial Education—Vouch'r	Colportage Work—Vouch'r	Orphan's Home—Cash	Orphan's Home—Vouch'r	Minutes
Central, New Decatur.....	\$30 23	\$43 49	\$240 23	\$10 00	\$12 29	\$17 45	\$24 12	\$53 40	\$1 76							
Danville.....				5 00												
Harmon.....					8 00											
Hopewell.....					15 20											
Hillsboro.....					1 35											
Hartselle.....	6 14	3 86	10 11	32 60	4 60											
Lebanon.....					5 00											
Macedonia (M).....	50	60	75	2 50	5 00											
Mt. Zion (L).....			2 50		1 00											
Mt. Nebo (F).....					5 00											
Mt. Nebo (M).....					5 00											
Mt. Hope.....					20 00											
Mt. Pisrah.....	10 00				13 00											
Moulton.....			31 85	2 50												
Moulton Heights.....					7 00											
New Decatur, First.....	2 30	6 00	13 53	13 52	5 73											
New Centre.....					6 00											
New Friendship.....					6 00											
Okeola.....					16 85	6 35	50									
Pleasant Grove.....			1 75		4 35											
Pleasant Hill.....					7 50	2 50										
Rocky Creek.....					2 75											
Salom.....			5 00													
Shady Grove.....					5 00											
Town Creek.....					5 00											
Trinity.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 50												
Steel Creek.....					1 40											
Monlon S. S.....					5 00											
Fairville.....					16 75											
New Hope.....					7 35											
Gum Springs (L).....					3 00											
New Prospect.....					4 90											
Bellevue.....					7 35											
Austinvile.....					10 00											
Decatur.....					3 00											
Cave Spring.....					1 50											
Blue Spring.....					2 50											
Cherry Hill.....					2 50											
Public Collections.....					2 00											
Bethel.....					8 00											
Total.....	\$ 9 24	\$58 06	\$ 1 50	\$67 12	\$19 25	\$320 35	\$12 73	\$27 00	\$220 55	\$29 14	\$24 50	\$23 20	\$25 40	\$29 91	\$114 60	\$24 37

Vouchers were received from Central, New Decatur, for \$15.00 for Indigent Ministers, \$12.25 for A. B. T. S., \$26.25 for Howard College, and \$50.00 for Central College. These vouchers are not included in the sum total of the following recapitulation. If they were, the sum total would be \$1,127.30.

## RECAPITULATION.

Your Finance Committee offers the following report, which will show the sum total received from the churches for the various objects, and the vouchers. The cash, amounting to \$346.60, we have paid to the Treasurer:

RECEIVED FOR	CASH	VOUCHERS	TOTAL
State Missions .....	\$ 9 84	\$ 58 08	\$ 67 92
Home Missions .....	1 50	67 12	68 62
Foreign Missions.....	19 25	320 35	339 60
Associational Missions .....	220 55	29 14	249 69
Ministerial Education .....	34 50	28 80	63 30
Ministers' Institute.....	12 73	27 00	39 73
Orphans' Home.....	29 91	114 60	144 51
Minutes .....	24 37	.....	24 37
Colportage Work .....	.....	26 49	26 49
	<u>\$352 65</u>	<u>\$671 58</u>	<u>\$1024 23</u>

Cash paid Treasurer.....	\$346 60
Cash from Cherry Hill Church since meeting, in hands of Clerk..	8 00
Collections on Sabbath, paid F. C. David for Institute Work.....	2 84

\$357 44

H. B. IRWIN,	}	Committee.
JOHN A. THOMASON,		
GEO. H. HUGHES,		

NOTE.—The Finance Committee made a slight mistake, paying Treasurer more money than accounted for.—CLERK.

# Financial Exhibit of Muscle Shoals Baptist Association for Year 1900.

CHURCHES	MISSIONS					EDUCATION			HOME EXPENSES					TOTAL	Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign	Associ- ational	Bible and Coptage	Ministerial	College Buildings	Orphan's Home	Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, etc.				
	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher				Minute			
Austinville.....	\$	\$	\$	\$ 10 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 50	\$ 40 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 50 00		
Bethel.....				8 00		2 00			50 00				50 00	400 00	
Bethany.....														300 00	
Bellview.....				1 50					50				50		
Blue Springs.....				2 00					50				2 00	300 00	
Cave Springs.....				2 50					50				2 50	300 00	
Central, New Decatur.....	39 25	45 46	240 25	12 28	24 12	27 45	50 00	53 40	1 76	1200 47	700 00	300 75	2683 18	6000 00	
Centre Grove.....														400 00	
Cherry Hill.....				2 50					4 25	1 25			8 00	250 00	
Danville.....			18 00	18 00					80				23 80	1000 00	
Decatur, First.....									1 00	50 00	396 00	25 00	411 00	2000 00	
Edon.....										50 00			50 00	750 00	
Falkville.....				16 75					1 50	100 00	31 25	33 00	181 50	500 00	
Friendship.....				3 00									3 50	50 00	
Gum Springs (L).....									50				50 00	50 00	
Gum Springs (M).....														50 00	
Harmony.....				10 15		2 00							12 75	400 00	
Hopewell.....			5 00	15 20		12 50			1 00				23 70	400 00	
Hillsboro.....				1 25					1 00	87 00			89 25	1500 00	
Hartselle.....			*18 01												
Lebanon.....	10 00	10 11	33 60	4 50		16 25	24 31	200 00	200 00		102 50		421 26	1000 00	
Lebanon.....				5 00		2 50			1 00				8 50	300 00	
Macedonia.....	50	50	75	80		2 50						1 50	7 20	300 00	
Monkton.....			31 25	15 00		12 50			1 00	60 00			109 75	1000 00	
Monkton Heights.....				7 00					55				50 00	500 00	
Mt. Hope.....				20 00					1 00				21 00	500 00	
Mt. Zion (L).....			2 50	3 00		2 00			60				7 10	250 00	
Mt. Zion (M).....				5 00									5 00	500 00	
Mt. Zion (P).....				5 00									5 00	700 00	
Mt. Pleasant.....	10 00			12 00					15	139 20	20 00		171 25	800 00	
New Hope.....				7 25					50	300 00	14 00		311 25	1000 00	
New Prospect.....				4 50					50				5 00	250 00	
New Friendship.....				6 00					1 00				7 00	300 00	
New Centre.....				6 00					50				56 00	500 00	
New Decatur.....	7 20	13 02	13 58		2 27	7 13	36 54	1 25					84 13	850 00	
Okolona.....				23 20		50			25				24 05	800 00	
Pleasant Grove.....			1 75	4 55					50				5 10	450 00	
Pleasant Hill.....				7 50		2 50			50				10 50	400 00	
Rocky Creek.....				2 75					35				3 05	150 00	
Salem.....			5 00						50				5 50	200 00	
Shady Grove.....				5 00					51	50 00		13 00	59 51	670 00	
Shoal Creek.....				1 40					50				1 90	100 00	
Town Creek.....				15 00		15 00							30 00	500 00	
Trinity.....	1 00	1 00	1 00			2 50							5 50	500 00	
Total.....	\$97 92	\$63 62	\$557 01	\$249 69	\$28 49	\$104 03	\$50 00	\$120 00	\$24 27	\$3016 67	\$1367 25	\$ 488 50	\$ 4941 30	\$ 26,620 00	

\* Women's Aid Society. † Sunday School. ‡ Institute Board. § In memory of Miss Gies Orr, by her father.  
 REMARKS BY REXA CLARK.—The column Ministerial includes amount given for Ministerial Education, as well as for Ministers' Institute work. The clerks of churches (except a few) will not report pastors' salaries, hence we cannot give a true account. Some churches report in their letters money sent to Association and sent off, yet the amounts do not appear in Finance Committee's report and do not appear in this table.

## STATISTICS OF MUSCLE SHOALS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERGY'S		POST OFFICE	INCREASE BY		DECREASE BY		Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL		Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival					
			CLERK	CLERK'S		Baptism	Latter	Voucher	Restoration		Latter	Exclusion			Deaths	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME	AND POST OFFICE
Austaville	Morgan	Marion Brisee	M. H. Berry	New Decatur	76					21		W. H. Lawrence, Hartselle							
Bethany	Morgan	J. L. Stockton	J. V. Love	Hartselle	12	6				20	6								
Bellevue	Lawrence	None	W. R. Crow	Crow	22		11			23									
Central, New Decatur	Morgan	W. Y. Quisenberry	John A. Thompson	Decatur	13	21	40	1		15									
Castle Grove	Morgan	J. V. Brice	J. A. Crawford	Ryan	28					27									
Cherry Hill	Morgan	John T. Thompson	R. E. Richards	Waco	12					12	150	John A. Thompson, Decatur	Every S	1					
Blue Spring	Morgan	J. E. Roan	J. V. Weaver	Florette	46	4				47									
Danville	Morgan	M. Brice	George W. Lindsey	Danville	49	4	13	1		46		J. A. Liphant, Danville		1					
Friendship	Lawrence	J. D. McClannahan	R. F. Day	Jewston	139	22		2		160	6 41	W. W. Garrett, Decatur	Every S						
Harmony	Morgan	None	E. W. Boden	Bamham	87					87									
Hog Spring	Morgan	None	E. J. Pansell	Hartselle	79		11			79	5 90	E. L. Hays, Fatsville		1					
Maple Spring	Lawrence	None	W. H. Huston	Haton	41					48	36	G. W. Bond, Haton							
Hillsboro	Lawrence	L. A. West	E. F. Johnson	Hillsboro	49					48	30	H. A. Bragg, Pitt							
Hopewell	Morgan	J. D. McClannahan	H. H. Orr	Hartselle	55	2	10			63	4	A. W. Bailey, Hillsboro	1-3	1					
Leflore	Morgan	W. J. Brice	H. J. Thompson	Parkville	80					80	72	Dr. J. M. Kitchens, Hartselle	1	1					
Macdoull	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	S. S. Brumblow	Flint	37					37		Sam Nunn, Odessa							
Moulton Heights	Morgan	J. Gunn	C. C. Hall	New Decatur	47					48	38	John H. Short, Flint							
Moulton	Lawrence	Joseph Shackelford	H. B. Irwin	Moulton	47	5				39	4	T. J. Ainsworth, Moulton							
New Hope	Morgan	M. Brice	R. E. Gibson	Maury	42					41	60	Wallace Weat, Mt. Hope	3	1					
Mt. Zion	Lawrence	J. M. Roberts	J. H. Butler	Edmond	67					67									
Mt. Nebo	Franklin	R. T. West	George W. Hargett	Hargetts Mills	64					64									
Mt. Pisgah	Morgan	F. M. Yeager	H. A. McClelland	Flint	99					99	6 52	John W. Gibson, Flint	2	1					
New Providence	Lawrence	J. L. Richy	M. H. Crow	Courtland	61					61	41	A. E. Harris, Courtland	1	1					
New Friendship	Morgan	J. E. Roan	W. J. Blankenship	Somerville	6	10	7			9	84	W. J. Blankenship, Somerville	1	1					
New Decatur, Test	Morgan	W. E. Wright	R. L. Henderson	Somerville	34	11	2			47	5 33	J. N. Holloway, Somerville	1	1					
Okolona	Lawrence	L. A. West	R. L. Bond	Haton	117	1				118	60	John W. Bond, New Decatur	Every S	1					
Orange	Morgan	T. V. Shoemaker	R. B. Bond	Houlton	36					36	40	C. L. Lewis, New Decatur							
Crook Creek	Morgan	J. E. Weaver	J. C. Allison	Lawrence Cove	41					41	60	J. P. Pearson, Waco	3	1					
Salom	Lawrence	L. A. West	H. E. Weatherwax	Moulton	43	5	2			53									
Shelby	Morgan	E. Weaver	J. A. Moore	Neal	69					68	46	C. M. Livingston	1	1					
Shady Grove	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	J. L. Wright	Somerville	41					41									
Shoal Creek	Lawrence	None	G. W. Russell	Trinity	179	1				179	76	J. C. Tubb, Landersville	2	1					
Trinity Hill	Lawrence	R. T. West	John N. Jackson	Mt. Hope	51					51		W. A. Fraser, Trinity	3	1					
Trinity	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	B. Gillingham	Trinity	61					61									
Total					2680	182	215	140	87	853	2739	1421	59	8					

\* Last year.

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